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SUBJECT: CND - FEB. 19 DISCUSSION OF ITEM 5: ENSURING WORLD
REQUIREMENTS OF CODEINE

1. CANADIAN REP WARNED THAT THEBAINE OBTAINED FROM PAPAVER BRACTEATUM
COULD BE MADE TO YIELD ABUSABLE DRUGS MORE READILY THAN STUDY BY
UN LABORATORY-SPONSORED EXPERT GROUP HAD SUGGESTED. HE ASKED
THAT INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL BODIES STUDY WAYS TO STABILIZE
OPIUM PRICE AND SUPPLY AT A LEVEL WHICH WOULD ENSURE FAIR RETURN
TO PRODUCERS AND AVOID OVER-PRODUCTION WHICH COULD BE DIVERTED
INTO ILLICIT TRAFFIC. HE THOUGHT
SUCH A STUDY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FORECAST OPIATE NEEDS FOR THE NEXT
FIVE YEARS.

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2. SOVIET REP STATED THAT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF CODEINE
NATIONS SHOULD TRY TO REDUCE THEIR CONSUMPTION OF CODEINE, HE

OUTLINED HOW USSR IS TRYING TO REDUCE USE OF OPIATES THROUGH USE OF SUBSTITUTE PREPARATIONS AND OTHER METHODS. SWEDISH RE SAID THAT IN SOME SWEDISH MEDICAL CIRCLES SYNTHETIC ANALGESIC PREPARATIONS HAVE REPLACED CODEINE.

3. UK REP REPEATED CANADIAN WARNING RE THEBAINE. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT DEMAND FOR CODEINE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY CONTINUE INCREASING. HE NOTED AWARENESS AMONG BRITISH DOCTORS OF PAST OVER-PRESCRIPTION OF OPIATES, AND SUGGESTED THAT SOME WAY BE FOUND TO URGE DOCTORS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO REDUCE OVER-PRESCRIBING OPIATES.

4. BELGIUM CALLED FOR INCREASED LICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION TO KEEP PRICE OF MEDICINAL OPIATES "REASONABLE".

5. SPANISH RE SAID MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM PRODUCTION. SPAIN IS INTERESTED IN ITSELF DEVELOPING RESEARCH TO ACHIEVE THIS END.

6. INDIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT GOI HAS AUTHORIZED PRODUCTION IN 1976 FROM 54,600 HECTARES OF POPPIES. THIS REPRESENTS 25 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE 43,700 HECTARES AUTHORIZED FOR POPPY CULTIVATION IN 1975. HE CITED INCREASING WORLD DEMAND AS REASON FOR INCREASING POPPY ACREAGE. HE ALSO INFORMED COMMISSION THAT IN 1975 INDIAN POPPIES YIELDED 20.70 KGS MORPHINE PER HECTARE.

7. TURKISH REP ANNOUNCED THAT FACTORY TO EXTRACT MEDICALLY-USED ALKALOIDS FROM POPPY STRAW WOULD BE OPERATIONAL IN TURKEY BY MARCH 1978. STATED CONTRACT HAS RECENTLY BEEN SIGNED. HE RECONFIRMED THAT TURKEY WOULD EXPORT ITS 1975-76 POPPY STRAW CROP. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS STATEMENT, AND IN RESPONSE TO US QUERY, HE SAID FACTORY WOULD HAVE 20,000-TON CAPACITY.

8. IN REPLY INDIAN QUERY, AND HAD NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER IT WOULD EXPORT CODEINE. AUSTRALIAN REP CALLED FOR INCB TO STUDY POSSIBLE MEASURES FOR CONTROLLING CULTIVATION OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM. HE STATED THAT BRACTEATUM CULTIVATION SHOULD NEVER BE UNCONTROLLED, AND URGED ALL COUNTRIES TO APPLY VOLUNTARY CONTROLS PENDING FORMAL INCLUSION OF BRACTEATUM AMONG PLANTS CONTROLLED BY INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONVENTIONS.

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9. BULGARIA STATED IT HAD TAKEN ACTION TO STIMULATE SOMNIFERUM PRODUCTION AND EXPECTED GOOD RESULTS. ALL POPPY CULTIVATION IN BULGARIA IS STRICTLY CONTROLLED.

10. MORE COMPLETE REPORT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. DALE

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